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- 1. DISCUSSED CONTENTS REFTEL WITH MISIYA TODAY, NOVEMBER 6, INFORMING HIM LETTER OR DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM GRZ WOULD SUFFICE AS FORM OF GRZ CLAIM FOR PROPERTY SEIZED AT TIME OF SOGHOIAN ARREST. CAREFULLY REVIEWED UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED WITH GRZ REPS AS LISTED PARA 2 REFTEL AND MISIYA CONFIRMED THEIR ACCURACY.
- 2. ZAMBIANS FIND IT RATHER DIFFICULT COMPOSE COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENTED LIST OF ITEMS TO BE CLAIMED BY GRZ. SOGHOIAN COULD HAVE ACCUMULATED MUCH EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTATION ON BEHALF OF GRZ DURING 6-MONTH STAY IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO ARREST. ACCORDING MISIYA, SOGHOIAN ABLE REMEMBER ONLY MORE SIGNIFICANT ITEMS. GRZ REPS NOT PERMITTED TO SEE AND EXAMINE DIRECTLY ITEMS BEING HELD BY JUSTICE, GROUNDS BEING "DEFENSE" NOT ALLOWED SUCH PRIVILEGE UNTIL CHARGE HAS BEEN MADE. (MISIYA COMMENTED GRZ NOT THE "DEFENSE"). ONLY CHARGE YET MADE AGAINST SOGHOIAN BASED ON EVIDENCE SECURED JUNE 1972 AND NOT RPT NOT ON ITEMS SEIZED IN AUGUST THIS YEAR. ACCORDING MISIYA, PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS ACKNOWLEDGE PROCEDURE BEING FOLLOWED IN THIS CASE UNUSUAL.
- 3. MISIYA SAID GRZ WISHES TO PROCEED IN ORDERLY, APPROPRIATE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND DIGNIFIED MANNER AND PLANS TO MAKE INITIAL CLAIM RELATING ONLY

TO CHECKS WHICH ARE READILY IDENTIFIABLE AND PROCESS OF HOW THEY CAME INTO SOGHOIAN POSSESSION CAN BE EASILY DOCUMENTED. THIS INTENDED TO SERVE AS PRECEDENT FOR SUBMITTING CLAIMS FOR OTHER ITEMS HELD BY JUSTICE AS IT BECOMES POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY THEM.NELSON

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